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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: COMMENTS BY TIMERBAYEV APRIL 9:  
PNE MESSAGE NUMBER 248

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1. SUMMARY. DURING A CALL BY EMBOFF ON TIMERBAYEV APRIL 9 TO DELIVER REVISED TEXTS OF THE DOCUMENT, TIMERBAYEV "INFORMALLY" SUGGESTED CHANGES IN -- UP TO AND INCLUDING COMPLETELY DROPPING -- ARTICLE I OF THE TREATY, AND ASKED WHEN WE WOULD MAKE THE TEXTS PUBLIC; AFTER INITIALLING OR AFTER SIGNATURE? END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF APRIL 9 DELIVERED TO TIMERBAYEV ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEXTS OF THE TREATY, PROTOCOL, AND AGREED STATEMENT REVISED TO REFLECT APRIL 8 NEGOTIATING SESSION, AND RECEIVED FROM HIM RUSSIAN LANGUAGE TEXTS, WHICH WE ARE POUCHING TO THE DEPARTMENT (TO DR. BUCHHEIM IN ACDA NWT; REGISTRY NUMBER 945626).

3. TIMERBAYEV, UPON RECEIPT OF THE ENGLISH EXT, IMMEDIATELY TURNED TO ARTICLE I PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE TREATY. SEEING THAT "MARCH 31, 1976" IS STILL IN THE TEXT (AS IT IS IN THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE TEXT HE HANDED US), HE COMMENTED THAT LANGUAGE SHOULD BE CHANGED, THOUGH IT HAD BEEN AGREED TO LEAVE IT AS IT IS FOR THE PRESENT. HE MOVED FROM THAT TO A SUGGESTION THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS "COULD PERHAPS THINK ABOUT" OMITTING THE ENTIRE ARTICLE.

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HE SAID THAT THE TIE BETWEEN THIS TREATY AND THE TTBT IN THE

ARTICLE'S FIRST PARAGRAPH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED "THROUGH OTHER MEANS" (WHEREUPON HE TURNED TO THE PREAMBLE). AND PARAGRAPH 2 IS NOT REALLY NECESSARY EITHER, HE CONTINUED, FOR ENTRY INTO FORCE IS ADEQUATELY TAKEN CARE OF IN THE FUNAL ARTICLE. EMBOFF MADE NO COMMENT, WHEREUPON TIMERBAYEV SAID THAT HE WAS OFFERING THE IDEA SIMPLY AS A PERSONAL SUGGESTION WHICH MIGHT BEAR FURTHER EXAMINATION. EMBOFF SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT AND WOULD REPORT IT IN THAT VEIN.

4. TIMERBAYEV CONTINUED THAT THERE ARE THREE POSSIBLE WAY IN WHICH THE ARTICLE COULD BE CHANGED. IT COULD BE DROPPED ENTIRELY; ONLY PARAGRAPH 2 COULD BE OMITTED; OR PARAGRAPH 2 COULD BE ALTERED TO CHANGE "MARCH 31, 1976" TO READ SOMETHING ALONG THE LINE OF "UPON ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY". EMBOFF SAID HE WOULD REPORT TIMERBAYEV'S THOUGHTS ON THE MATTER, BUT MADE ON OTHER COMMENT.

5. COMMENT: TIMERBAYEV MAY WELL HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET THROUGH THE BACK DOOR, SOMETHING HE HAS LONG FAILED TO ACHIEVE THROUGH THE FRONT -- SOFTENING THE TIE BETWEEN THE TTBT AND THE NEW TREATY. END COMMENT.

6. EMBOFF ALSO INFORMED TIMERBAYEV OF SUBSTANCE OF PRESS GUIDANCE INSTURCTIONS CONTAINED IN REFTEL. TIMERBAYEV INDICATED HE HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH IT, THOUGH AASKED WHAT WAS MEANT BY MAKING TEXTS AVAIBLE AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS; AFTER INITIALLING OR AFTER SIGNATURE? EMBOFF REPLIED THAT HIS PERSONAL OPINION WOULD BE THAT WHAT HAD BEEN INTENDED WAS TO MAKE THE TEXTS AVAILABLE AFTER THEY HAD BEEN INITIALED.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON WHAT EXACTLY WAS MEANT BY THAT PHRASE. THE QUESTION DID NOT COME UP IN THE APRIL 9 PRESS CONFERENCE, AND NO PUBLIC POSITION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN ON IT HERE.  
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